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H. R. 7312

To prohibit the selling and counterfeiting of tickets for a Presidential
inaugural ceremony.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 9, 2008

Mr. CLEAVER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To prohibit the selling and counterfeiting of tickets for a
Presidential inaugural ceremony.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON SALE AND COUNTERFEITING**
4 **OF INAUGURAL TICKETS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for any per-
6 son to—

7 (1) except as provided in subsection (b), know-
8 ingly and intentionally sell, facilitate the sale of, or
9 transfer for money or property, or attempt to sell,

1 facilitate the sale of, or transfer for money or prop-
2 erty, a ticket to a Presidential inaugural ceremony;

3 (2) with the intent to defraud, falsely make,
4 forge, counterfeit, or falsely alter a ticket to a Presi-
5 dential inaugural ceremony; or

6 (3) with the intent to defraud, use, unlawfully
7 possess, or exhibit a ticket to a Presidential inau-
8 gural ceremony, knowing the ticket to be falsely
9 made, forged, counterfeited, or falsely altered.

10 (b) EXCEPTION.—This section shall not apply to the
11 sale, facilitation of the sale of, or transfer for money or
12 property, or attempted sale, facilitation of the sale of, or
13 transfer for money or property, of a ticket to a Presi-
14 dential inaugural ceremony that occurs after the date on
15 which the Presidential inaugural ceremony for which the
16 ticket was issued occurs.

17 (c) PENALTY.—Whoever violates subsection (a) shall
18 be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned
19 not more than 1 year, or both.

20 (d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Presi-
21 dential inaugural ceremony” means a public inaugural
22 ceremony at which the President-elect or the Vice Presi-
23 dent-elect take the oath or affirmation of office for the

- 1 office of President of the United States or the office of
- 2 Vice President of the United States, respectively.

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